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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Physical Security Proficiency of OS Careerists

1. At a recent combined meeting of the Long-Range Planning Group and the Management Advisory Group, the desire and need for physical security proficiency on the part of OS careerists was discussed. One of the proposals to broaden this proficiency was for OS careerists, on a selective basis, be afforded an opportunity for two-week assignments to the Physical Security Division. These tours to be along the general idea of active duty tours in the reserve program during which time the assignee could observe the operations of the Physical Security Division and obtain such hand skills in the area of safes and locks as would be beneficial. At the 18 January meeting of these two groups, the subject was again discussed. This time consideration was given to the fact that the Office of Security will be staging a physical security course between 2 and 20 April 1973. This is an annual course put on for the benefit of Security careerists who are scheduled for imminent overseas assignment. It was generally agreed by the participants of the meeting that such a structured approach would be more beneficial to the careerists involved and that it would be less disruptive to the operations of the Physical Security Division. It was also concluded that attendance would be beneficial on the part of careerists who are attempting to broaden their professional capabilities and those whose duties encompass physical security considerations outside the Physical Security Division itself.

2. On 19 January the practicality of enlarging the enrollment of the physical security course was discussed with the Chief and Deputy

of A&TS and the Chief, Training Branch, A&TS. The problem of enlarging the membership immediately is identified by the fact that the portion of the course dealing with locks and safes is limited by the space available for this training in the laboratory of the Physical Security Technology Branch. It was determined that this problem could be solved by establishing a "parallel track" structure for the class--one group to take the safes and locks training at the beginning of their course, the other at the end. Under such an arrangement, it was concluded that ten careerists other than those destined for immediate overseas assignments could be accommodated.

3. It was concluded that the Training Branch will circularize OS careerists to advise them of the opportunity to take the physical security course, stating their reasons for wanting to attend. The applications will then be considered by the Career Board if the number exceeds the ten positions allocated. If less careerists make application, the Deputy Director or Staff Chief concerned will be the approving authority.

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Deputy Director of Security

cc: Secretary, Long-Range Planning Group  
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